

What is claimed is:

1. (Deleted) An improved action in a firearm having a grip, a receiver, a forwardly extending barrel and a trigger, the improvement comprising:

- (a) a firing pin;
- (b) means for motivating said firing pin from a first point to a second point;
- (c) an igniter;
- (d) means for biasing said igniter away from said second point; and
- (e) means for moving said igniter to said second position against a force applied by said biasing means.

2. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ An improved action in a firearm of Claim 1, wherein ~~said biasing means comprises~~ having a grip, a receiver, a forwardly extending barrel and a trigger, the improvement comprising:

- (a) a firing pin;
- (b) means for motivating said firing pin from a cocked position to an uncocked position;
- (c) an igniter;
- (d) means for biasing said igniter away from said firing pin comprising:
 - (i) a spool having a shaft provided with a top and a bottom, wherein said top is provided with a first opening, wherein said bottom is provided with a second opening, wherein said second opening is larger than said first opening;
 - (ii) a spring coupled to said bottom of said spool, and

(e) means for moving said igniter against said biasing means into a firing position in which said igniter is in contact with said firing pin when said firing pin is in said uncocked position.

3. (Original) The improved action in a firearm of Claim 2, further comprising a first flange coupled to said top of said spool and a second flange coupled to said bottom of said spool, further comprising means for preventing passage of said first flange and said second flange past a predetermined point.

4. (Currently amended) The improved action in a firearm of Claim 2, ~~wherein said igniter comprises~~further comprising a resilient jacket provided around a primer~~said igniter.~~

5. (Deleted) The improved action in a firearm of Claim 1, wherein said igniter comprises a resilient jacket provided around a primer.

6. (Deleted) The improved action in a firearm of Claim 1, wherein said motivating means comprises a hammer secured to said firing pin.

7. (Deleted) The improved action in a firearm of Claim 1, wherein said moving means is a pivotable carriage.

8. (Currently amended) ~~The~~An improved action in a firearm of ~~Claim 7,~~ wherein ~~said biasing means comprises~~comprising:

(a) a firing pin;

(b) means for motivating said firing pin from a cocked position to an uncocked position;

(c) an igniter;

(d) means for biasing said igniter away from said firing pin, and wherein said biasing means comprises:

~~(a)(i)~~ a spool having a shaft provided with a top and a bottom, wherein said top is provided with a first opening, wherein said bottom is provided with a second opening, wherein said second opening is larger than said first opening; and

~~(b)(ii)~~ a spring coupled to said bottom of said spool.

(e) means for moving said igniter against said biasing means into a firing position in which said igniter is in contact with said firing pin when said firing pin is in said uncocked position.

9. (Original) The improved action in a firearm of Claim 8, further comprising a first flange coupled to said top of said spool and a second flange coupled to said bottom of said spool, further comprising means for preventing passage of said first flange and said second flange past a predetermined point.

10. (Deleted) The improved action in a firearm of Claim 7, wherein said biasing means is provided on said carriage.

11. (Deleted) The improved action in a firearm of Claim 1, further comprising a breech plug, wherein said moving means is means for moving said igniter against said breech plug.

12. (Currently amended) An improved firearm comprising:

- (a) a grip;
- (b) a receiver;
- (c) a forwardly extending barrel;
- (d) a trigger;
- (e) a breech plug;
- (f) a pivotable carriage having a housing with a back;

- (g) a spring provided between said carriage and said breech plug;
- (h) ~~means a spacer~~ provided between said spring and said breech plug ~~for receiving an igniter~~;
- (i) a firing pin; and
- (j) means for moving said firing pin through said pivotable carriage.

13. (Currently amended) The improved firearm of Claim 12, wherein said ~~receiving means~~spacer comprises:

- (a) a spool having a shaft provided with a top and a bottom, wherein said top is provided with a first opening, wherein said bottom is provided with a second opening, wherein said second opening is larger than said first opening; and
- (b) ~~a wherein said spring is coupled to said bottom of said spool.~~

14. (Original) The improved firearm of Claim 13, further comprising a first flange coupled to said top of said spool and a second flange coupled to said bottom of said spool, further comprising means for preventing passage of said first flange and said second flange past a predetermined point.

15. (Currently amended) The improved firearm of Claim 12, ~~wherein said igniter comprises~~further comprising a resilient jacket provided around a primer an igniter and between said spacer and said breech plug.

16. (Currently amended) The improved firearm of Claim 12, ~~further comprising an wherein said~~ igniter provided between said receiving means and said breech plug.

17. (Currently amended) The improved firearm of Claim 16, further comprising means for pivoting said carriage enough ~~to force said igniter against said breech plug sufficiently~~

~~to motivate said receiving means toward said back against a bias of said spring sufficiently to~~
compress said spring.

18. (Original) The improved firearm of Claim 12, further comprising a hammer secured to said firing pin.

19. (Currently amended) An improved action in a firearm having a grip, a receiver, a forwardly extending barrel and a trigger, the improvement comprising:

- (a) a frame;
- (b) a hammer pivotably coupled to said frame;
- (c) a carriage;
- (d) a breech plug;
- (e) a spring provided on said carriage;
- (f) ~~means a spacer coupled to said spring for receiving an igniter; and~~
- (g) means coupled to said spring for compressing said spring a predetermined distance only when said carriage is fully rotated with an igniter provided in contact with said breech plug into a firing position.

20. (Original) The improved action in a firearm of Claim 19, further comprising means provided over said breech plug for directing primer shrapnel downward.